

**ALMA BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2021**

Board President, Dennis Hetrick, called the regular meeting of the Alma Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021 in the school library. Board member Sarah Danzinger was not present.

No public comment was made.

Minutes from the October 25, 2021 regular board meeting were presented and approved by consensus of the board.

Vouchers in the amount of \$289,207.22 for district and \$1,629.35 for activities were presented and approved by consensus of the board.

Ms. Bremer's Elementary Principal Report was included in the board packet. Ms. Bremer updated that 99% of parents in the elementary attended or contacted teachers for parent/teacher conferences. Mr. Reed's MS/HS Principal Report was included in the board packet. Mr. Reed has been working on getting his bus driving license. Todd Myren thanked Mr. Reed for pursuing this. This effort is very much appreciated.

Mrs. Rieck gave a presentation that recognized Mr. Stewart who recently won the Wisconsin School Counselor Association Supervisor-Administrator Award and was presented his award on Friday, November 12 at the annual counselor conference.

The DPI is mandating an increase of the adult breakfast and lunch charges. Currently our adult breakfast is at \$2.00 and would have to move to \$2.56 and the adult lunch cost is currently \$3.75 and would have to increase to \$4.65. A motion was made by Corey Hanson and seconded by Doug Kane to approve the DPI required increase of adult breakfast and lunch costs to \$2.56 and \$4.65. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stewart received a text message from Joe Walker resigning from driving bus and included a copy of the text in the board packet. A motion was made by Todd Myren and seconded by Corey Hanson to approve the resignation of Joe Walker with gratitude for his years of service to the district. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stewart presented the board with a copy of an email message from Carl Duley resigning from Head Volleyball Coach. A motion was made by Todd Myren and seconded by Corey Hanson to approve the resignation of Carl Duley with gratitude for his years of service to the district. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Stewart reviewed COVID-19 updates with the board. Antigen testing is underway and going well. For winter sports in the conference, schools that currently require masks to be worn, the conference will allow

masking to be optional for student-athletes while the athlete and official(s) is on the court or mat. Spectators and other players not directly competing should adhere to the expectations of the hosting school. The three member schools (C-FC, Independence, and Lincoln) that currently have mask requirements in place will review this conference protocol with their school boards. If any of the school boards object to this change the superintendent group will reconvene an emergency meeting. Effective with the start of the winter sports season, any student-athlete that is unvaccinated and has to quarantine as the result of a close-contact will be allowed to return to game competition after day 7 of the quarantine period with a negative COVID-19 test. The conference has also approved the reinstatement of the conference admission fees beginning with winter sports. Adults age 18-64 will be charged \$4.00 for admittance to sporting events. Students and senior citizens will not be charged any admission fee. Mr. Stewart also shared information from Buffalo County on the age 5-11 vaccination clinic that will be held at school.

Two Veterans Day programs were held at school on Thursday, November 11. All students in grades 4-12, along with designated staff members attended. There were approximately 30 veterans and auxiliary members present, along with some family members. The Alma band and choir both performed. It was a special day and the district was thankful that they could host this event.

As Ms. Bremer already shared in her principal report, our State Report Cards are going to be released soon. Mr. Stewart will share the results with all the stakeholders as soon as they are available.

The State School Board Convention will be held in Milwaukee on January 19-21. Dennis Hetrick will be the WASB delegate. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Mr. Stewart know.

Mr. Stewart recently received a quote from Pro-Vision on bus cameras and included it in the board packet. The quote is to install a complete camera system (4 dome cameras on board, 1 forward facing camera, and 1 stop arm camera) on all three of our route buses. The quote also includes service work on the other 4 buses that have older Pro-Vision models. Mr. Stewart asked for discussion from the board on how they would like to proceed. Discussion was held. The board asked if the cameras could be covered under ESSER Grant funds because of contact tracing. Mr. Stewart will check into this funding source. Mr. Stewart will also check with C-FC and Pepin on which company they use for their bus camera systems.

Mr. Stewart brought to the attention of the board the current fire alarm system is in need of some work. S.O.S. Security came and gave a rough estimate of \$70,000 for a new system; as the current system would have to be upgraded and have alarms in every room where a student would be, this would include all classrooms. Mr. Stewart and Tom Brakke will work on getting a couple other quotes from vendors.

Mr. Stewart was asked by some Junior girls about having a Winter Formal. Discussion was held.

Mr. Stewart had brought up at the October meeting the possibility of Dairyland Power donating toward a new outdoor scoreboard. Mr. Stewart was notified that Dairyland Power would donate \$5,000. Mr. Stewart stated that there would be \$2500 from Ashley for the Arts that was earned by the Stewart family that would also be put towards a new scoreboard. Discussion was held on other ideas for donations. Mr. Stewart will look into some other donation options.

A question regarding three year old programming was brought up. This will be added to next month's discussion items. Mr. Stewart will research what other schools are doing and the cost.

No donations were noted this month.

The Policy Committee has not met since the last board meeting. No new meeting date has been set at this time.

The Buildings/Grounds and Transportation Committee has not met since the last board meeting. No new meeting date has been set at this time.

The Community Relations Committee has not met since the last board meeting. The Community Relations Committee is planning to meet on December 8, 2021 at 6 PM.

The Personnel Committee has not met since the last board meeting. No new meeting date has been set at this time.

A motion was made by Todd Myren and seconded by Corey Hanson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Sarah Danzinger, Secretary